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METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR CONDUCTING COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF DENTAL TREATMENT AND

GENERATING DIAGNOSTIC OPINION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS:

In accordance with MPEP § 714.01(e), applicants respectfully request amendment of their application for a patent prior to the entry of a first official Office Action relative to this application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Add Figs. 14 through 19 attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 5, line 17, add the following paragraph:

-- Figs. 14 through 19 are representative pages of a slide display of the diagnostic opinion output that is generated for use by the dentist in accordance with the method and program of the present invention and illustrate exemplary photographs and radiographs that have been imported into the slide display .--